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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EWWT, PN, US, EG, OCLR

SUBJECT: GOE QUERY RE NUCLEAR POWERED COMMERCIAL SHIPS  
TRANSIT OF PANAMA CANAL

REF: A. CAIRO 8273(DTG 150154Z MAR 78) (NOTAL)

B. STATE 62569 (DTG 102240Z MAR 78) (NOTAL)

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C. STATE 75096 (DTG 231747Z MAR 78) (NOTAL)

1. WE BELIEVE THAT DR. HAMUDA HAS CONFUSED ISSUE OF TRANSIT  
OF PANAMA CANAL BY NUCLEAR POWERED COMMERCIAL VESSELS WITH  
ISSUE OF PORT VISITS BY SUCH VESSELS. USG HAS CONCLUDED BI-  
LATERAL AGREEMENTS WITH FOURTEEN COUNTRIES GOVERNING PORT  
ACCESS BY US COMMERCIAL NUCLEAR POWERED SHIP,NS SAVANNAH.

(REFTEL C PERTAINS). SINCE SAVANNAH NO LONGER OPERATING,  
THESE AGREEMENTS ESSENTIALLY ARE IN ABEYANCE.

2. THERE HAVE BEEN NO AGREEMENTS BETWEEN USG AND OTHER  
GOVERNMENTS RELATIVE TO PANAMA CANAL TRANSIT BY NUCLEAR  
POWERED COMMERCIAL VESSELS. AT ONE POINT, FRG APPROACHED  
USG CONCERNING POSSIBLE REQUIREMENTS FOR PANAMA CANAL TRAN-  
SIT BY QUOTE OTTO HAHN UNQUOTE. FRG DID NOT PURSUE THESE  
DISCUSSIONS TO ANY CONCLUSION; APPARENTLY BECAUSE FRG LOST  
INTEREST. FYI, A RECENT PRESS ARTICLE IN QUOTE DIE WELT  
UNQUOTE SUGGESTED THAT QUOTE OTTO HAHN UNQUOTE MAY BE TAKEN

OUT OF SERVICE SOON DUE TO INSUFFICIENT COMMERCIAL INTEREST  
AND FINANCING FOR NEXT REFUELING. END FYI.

3. WITH FOREGOING IN MIND, WE QUESTION UTILITY OF PROVID-  
ING TO DR. HAMUDA TEXTS OF AGREEMENTS GOVERNING PORT ACCESS  
BY NS SAVANNAH. HOWEVER, SHOULD EMBASSY CAIRO WISH TO  
DELIVER COPIES TO GOE, WE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION. (AGREE-  
MENTS ARE, OF COURSE, MATTERS OF PUBLIC RECORD.) VANCE

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